

Azure Tech Communities

Quarterly Group Leader Call

Microsoft

June 2020

June Quarterly Group Leader Call: Agenda

- Intro / Overview
- Hear from Meetup
- Staying connected
- Upcoming
- Q&A

Event guidance –

Feel free to ask questions as we go, we'll leave ~15 mins at the end for additional questions.

To ask questions, use the Q&A button.


Intros


Jenn Jinhong

Azure Marketing

A quirky 'geek' who enjoys discussing and exploring the latest technologies.

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Marie-Lou Gauthier

Meetup.com

Community building expert who helps businesses engage their audience at scale and empower meaningful human connections.

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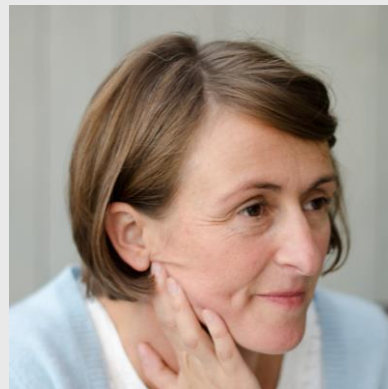


Elise Gilbert

Community Program Manager

Marketing and communications professional with 20 years experience building engaging marketing programs


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Leann Turpin

Community Program Manager

Mom, tech geek, purveyor of hope, connector of people, Microsoft alumni, life-long learner.

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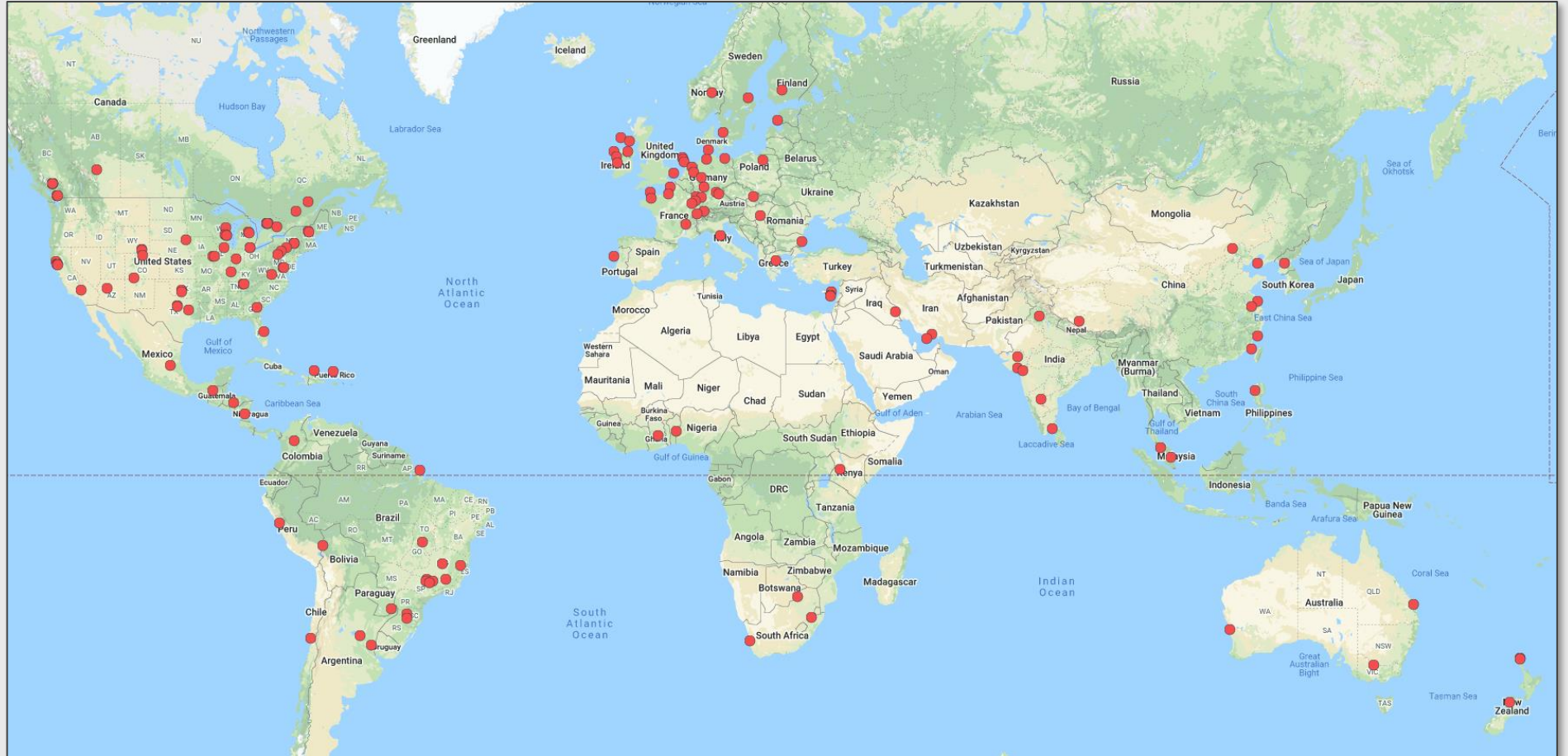


Community growth

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Groups

328k
Members

48
Countries

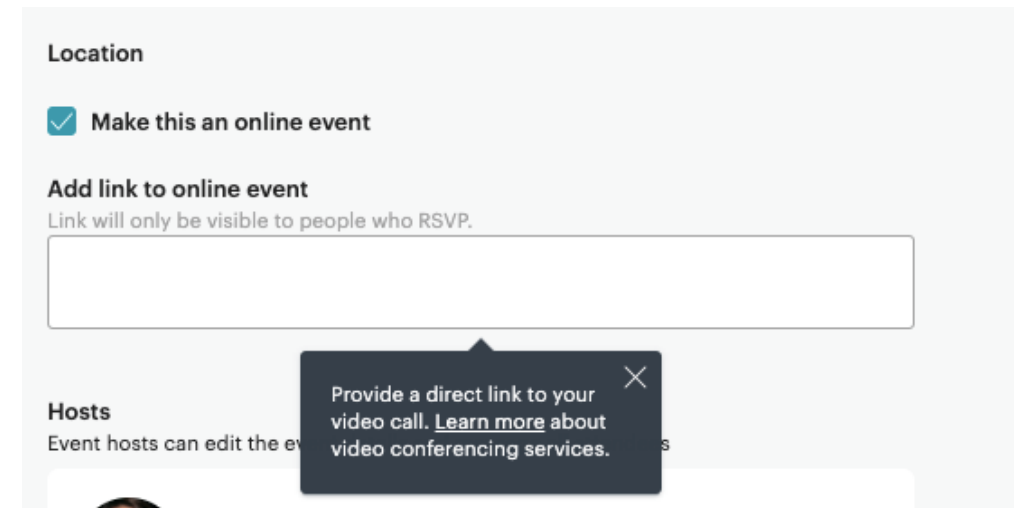


Hear from Meetup



Online events on Meetup

- Meetup now includes the option to add a video conference link to an event instead of a physical location
- Organizers can use the video conferencing, webinar, or streaming service of their choice



Location

☒ Make this an online event

Add link to online event
Link will only be visible to people who RSVP.

Hosts
Event hosts can edit the event details.

Provide a direct link to your video call. [Learn more](#) about video conferencing services.

Meetup event policies

- Meetup recommends that all Meetup events be hosted online until there are updates from local governments concluding that it's safe to resume in-person meetings
- Find out more: [*Meetup event policies and the coronavirus \(COVID-19\)*](#)

The new hybrid model

- In-person events will always be our focus and priority. They're irreplaceable for our communities.
- Online events now also have a place on Meetup. We plan on keeping the online event features even after the pandemic is over.
- Together, we'll find the right balance of online and in-person events that inspires real human connection around the world.

The Meetup community is online!

Since the launch of the online event feature on March 23...

- 451k events scheduled
- 293k events already hosted
- 69k unique groups scheduling
- 3.5M RSVPs

Discoverability of online events

- For discoverability and recommendation purposes, online events on Meetup are currently assigned the location of the group that's hosting it and are not discoverable beyond that city.
- We're working on the website and app to give people the ability to search for online events. We're going to be expanding the visibility of online events so that people can discover these events that are happening all over the world.

Work in progress

We're adding more tools to help support online events. Some recent additions include:

- Creating repeating online events
- Designating the event's timezone
- Raising online events to the top of the Meetup app's search
- Making "Online" the default event setting
- Adding compatibility with more video conferencing services

If you have ideas on how we can improve your experience, let us know. We're all ears!

Tips to host online events

On Meetup:

- Creating repeating online events
- Instructions to [*host an online event on Meetup*](#)
- Best practices for [*hosting an online event on Meetup*](#)
- Meetup [*webinar about hosting online events*](#) (March 12, 2020)
- [*Mastering online events*](#) webinar (April 7, 2020)
- [*Five Handy Online Event Recipes*](#)

External:

- [*A Comprehensive List of Tips, Tools, and Examples for Event Organizers During the Coronavirus Outbreak | CMX*](#)
- [*WordPress | MEETUP ORGANIZER HANDBOOK | Organizing Virtual Meetup*](#)

Join Meetup Live

Join the new [Meetup Live group](#) to stay connected to the Meetup community with online events hosted by organizers and the Meetup team.

- Watch the recording of [The Community Update with CEO David Siegel](#)



Meetup Blog

- Check out Meetup Blog, [Community Matters](#)
- Subscribe to Meetup newsletter [here](#)
- Read the recent article featuring the [Azure Tech Communities](#)



CEO'S CORNER

A letter from David Siegel, Meetup CEO

Meetup stands with the protesters who demand racial justice.

[Read more →](#)

Learn what it takes to organize great events

[Check out our guide](#)



NEW AT MEETUP

Recording: The Community Update (East Asia & Oceania)

Meetup CEO David Siegel shares updates on the current state of Meetup for communities in Asia and Oceania.



GROWING A MEETUP GROUP

5 Online Event Tools for Better Engagement

Keep your attendees active and engaged with these simple online event tools.



TIPS FROM ORGANIZERS

Recording: Organizer Panel, Keeping Communities Connected

Meetup organizers share how they've kept their community connected and engaged in a virtual world.



STORIES

Staying Connected Using Lean Coffee? Thumbs Up

How one NYC tech-focused group uses Lean Coffee to have great virtual conversations.



ORGANIZING BASICS

Recording: Supercharge Your Group With Incentives & Rewards

Expert advice on building a highly-engaged community using smart incentives and rewards.



TIPS FROM ORGANIZERS

Recording: Host an Online Meditation & Journaling event

Learn everything you need to host a meditation & journaling event, while enjoying one.



MEETUP PRO STORIES

How Microsoft Azure Tech Communities Unlocked Online Connections

Microsoft community experts share what they've learned from switching to online events.



ORGANIZING BASICS

Recording: Learn Zoom from a Pro

Get a complete overview of how to use Zoom from Senior Technical Trainer Vincent E. Escamilla.

Staying Connected

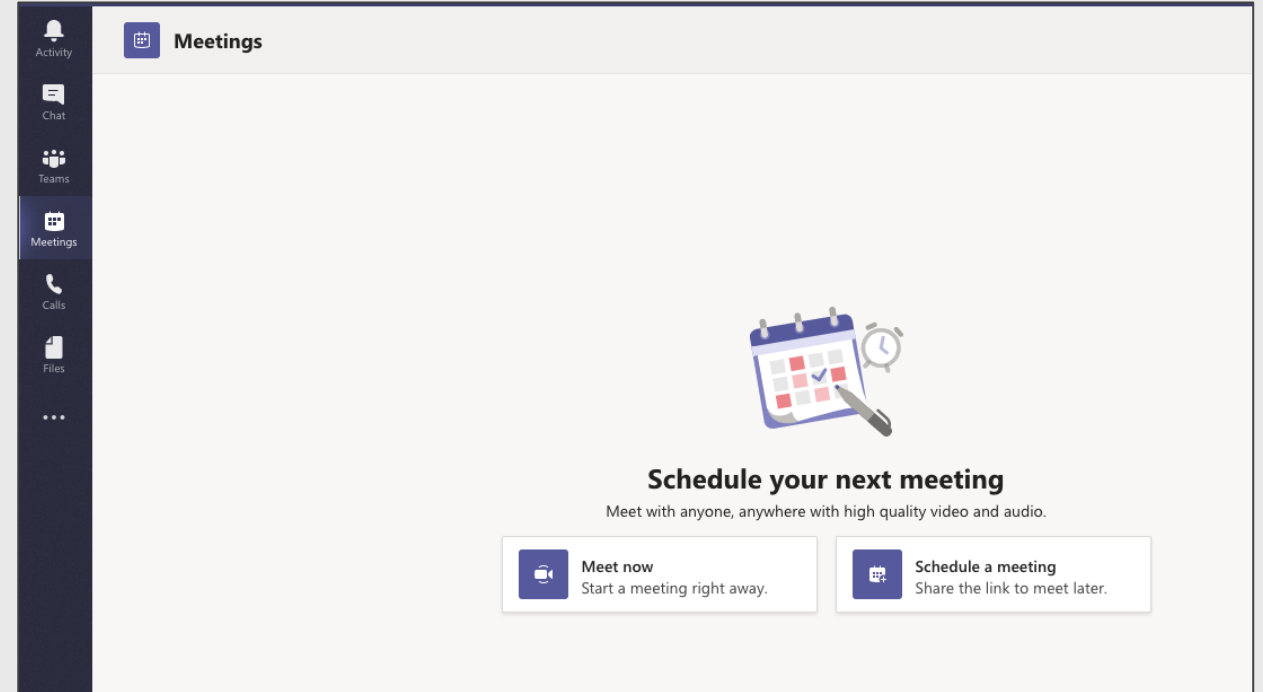


Using Microsoft Teams to stay connected



Microsoft Teams (Free version)

- Use personal Microsoft account
- Video calls and meetings
- Schedule online meetings
- Share, store, and collaborate on content
- Converse and engage with group members
- Create multiple channels for different topics



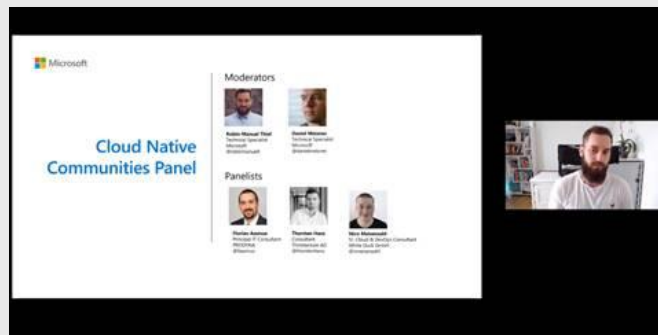
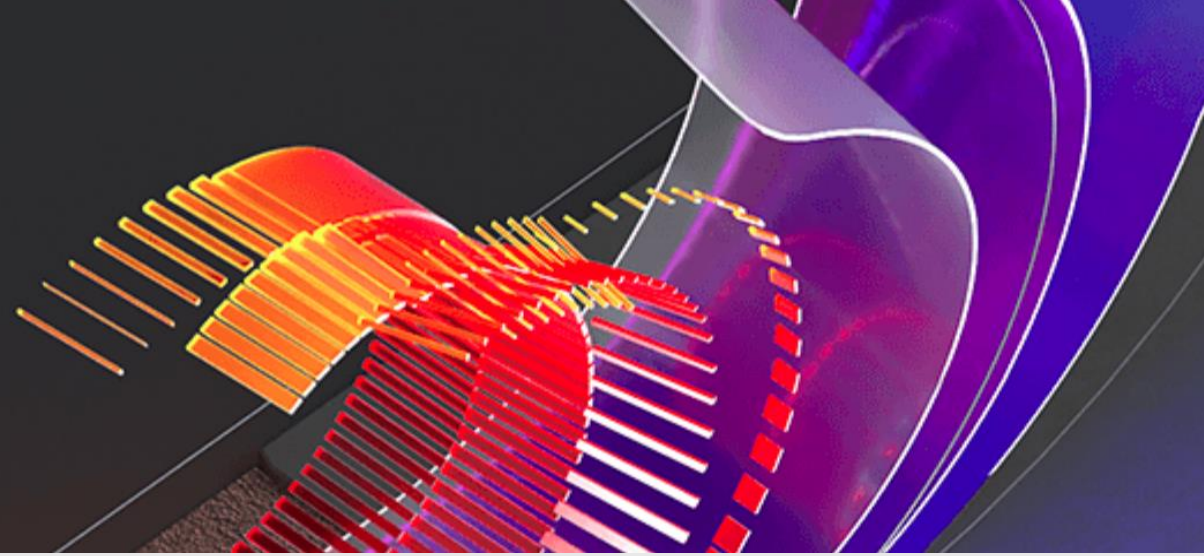
Sign up at aka.ms/atc/MSTeams_Free

Microsoft Build Community Connections

19 countries

100+ community speakers

3,500 attendees



Germany's Cloud Native panel



Israel's MVP roundtable



GeekGirl Sydney



Western Europe's [Inspiring Stories](#)

Watch on-demand Community Connect sessions:

https://aka.ms/atc/Build_Community_Connects

September 2020 - Microsoft Ignite

Contact your local Microsoft contact to get involved!

Microsoft Learn: Studio Sessions



Microsoft SME guided users through a Microsoft Learn module

Users followed along, working through the steps using their own account

Live Q&A, allowing users to ask questions and get help as they worked through the steps.

Topics

- Create interactive bots in Microsoft Teams
- Publish a web app to Azure with Visual Studio
- Build a WebAssembly app with Blazor & Visual Studio Code
- Create a website in Azure
- Build your OWN Power App Component

For Groups:

Consolidated resources for each of the sessions for use by groups:

<https://aka.ms/atc/LearnStudioSessions>

Publish a web app to Azure with Visual Studio

Watch on-demand session

- [Publish a web app to Azure with Visual Studio](#)

Microsoft Learn module

- [Publish a web app to Azure with Visual Studio](#)

Pre-Reqs

- [Microsoft Learn Profile](#)
- Knowledge of the Azure cloud environment
- Familiarity with web app concepts
- Basic programming knowledge
- Basic HTML knowledge
- [Visual Studio IDE](#) - 16.6 (or later) on Windows

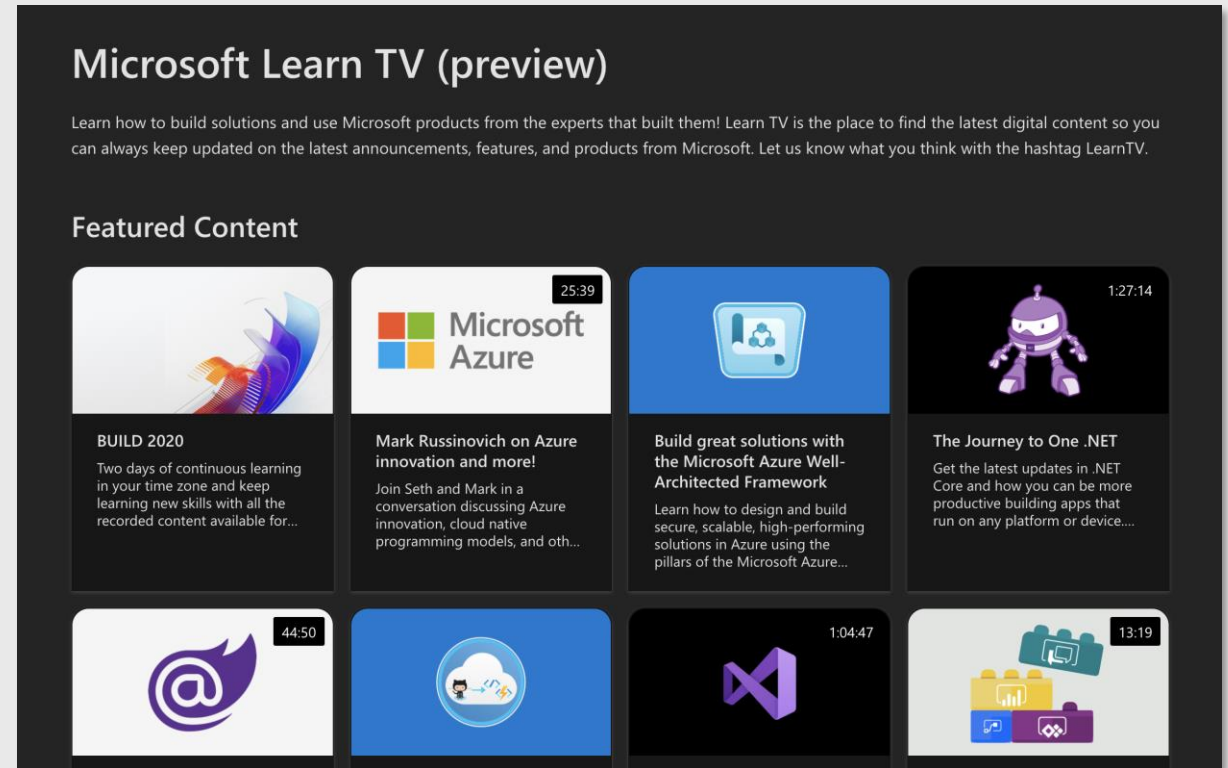
Check out the on-demand Learn Studio Sessions:

https://aka.ms/atc/Build_Learn_Studio_Sessions

Learn TV

Learn TV will be a single aggregation point of technical video content and brings together live and on-demand content across Microsoft.

Including content from Channel 9, popular video series on YouTube, and live events like .NET Conference.



<https://www.microsoft.com/learn/tv>

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard Spock (RPSLS)

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock takes the multiple technologies and combines them to make a fun game that anyone can play.

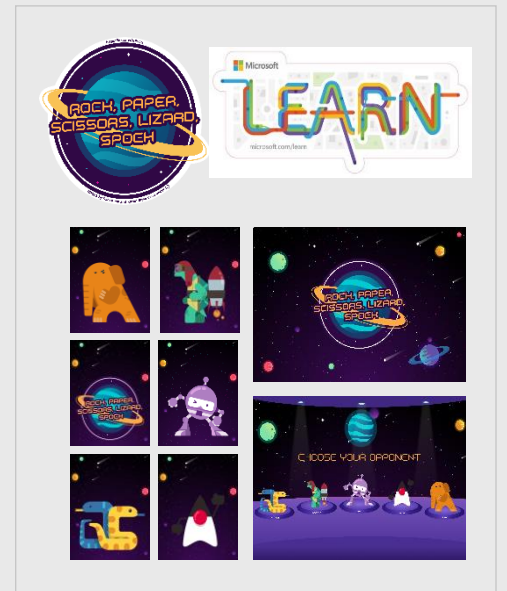
The game is not hard to learn to play, but the tech needed to power it can be. A custom Microsoft Learn Collection titled "RPSLS (For Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock)" that contains learning paths for all the different technology needed to build your very own game.



Rock Paper Scissors Lizard Spock (#RPSLS)
Learn Collection at <https://aka.ms/rpsls-collection>

To celebrate the collection, we're giving away custom SWAG packs with *through July 20*, shipped wherever you are in the world. Visit <https://www.theurlist.com/rpsls-links> to learn more.

#RPSLS Digital SWAG
<https://aka.ms/rpsls-swag>



Upcoming



What's coming in the next couple months



Centralized location to find useful content for events

- On GitHub
- Community contributed content or best practices

Updated Program Terms

- Details and info will come in July
- Make sure to check your email

Dedicated Group Leader community hub

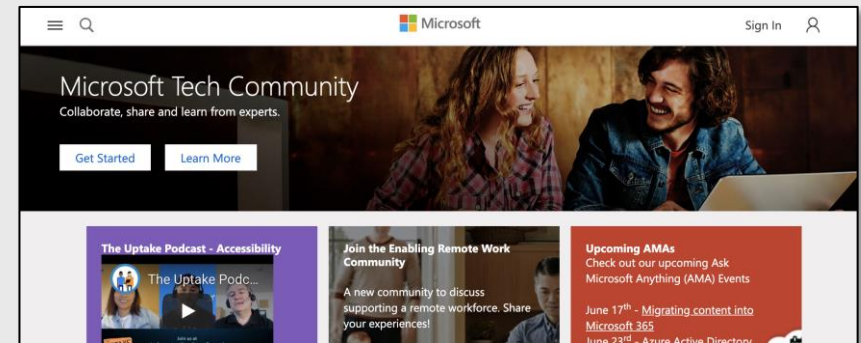
- Connect with fellow group leaders and Microsoft
- Discuss ideas, find guidance, and share content
- Hosted on techcommunity.microsoft.com

Find past monthly communications and quarterly calls:

https://aka.ms/atc/Archive_Comms

List of content resources:

https://aka.ms/atc/content_resources



Interested in becoming an early adopter?
Email us at atc@Microsoft.com.

Q&A



Recap

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- Connect with your local Microsoft contact

Thanks for joining!

